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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, GRR

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1957

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

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A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. Production and services in the Geographic Area remained at a generally normal level during the month, but included a larger-than-usual proportion of high-priority, rush projects. The program of briefings by area specialists in the Geography Division, which was initiated last month, continued with the presentation of two briefings during November: "Soviet Penetration in the Middle East", and "Selection of Guided Missile Launching Sites in the USSR".

2. The Cartography Division completed 54 maps and charts, of which 1 was for State/NIS, 1 for USAF, and 52 for the Agency. Requests accepted numbered 123 -- 114 for CIA, 6 for the Department of State, and 3 for the Air Force. The Special Support Branch completed 18 new maps and charts and 1 revision during the month and accepted requests for 28 new maps and charts and 1 revision; in addition, 4 re-runs were requested and completed.

3. The Map Library Division received 5,468 maps and 1,004 related publications from foreign sources. Of these, 35% were retained in CIA, 39% sent to Army Map Service, and 20% to the Library of Congress. A total of 18,240 map sheets were disseminated in answer to 1199 requests.

4. The Photo Intelligence Division completed a total of 21 reports and memoranda. The majority of these -- 15 in number -- were in support of DCI project [REDACTED]. The remaining six were PIM(L)-12, PIM(L)-20, Taganrog A/C Plant "Dimitrov 89 and 49"; PIM(L)-21, Southeast China Situation; PIM(L)-23, Southeast China Situation; PIM(L)-24, Analysis of Four Selected Areas of Indochina; and PIM(L)-25 [REDACTED].

5. The Geography Division completed three Geographic Intelligence Reports (GR-118, [REDACTED] GR-161, [REDACTED] and GR-166, Probable United States and USSR Geodetic Accuracies Between ICBM Launch Sites and Targets); one NIS Chapter IX on Argentina; seven memoranda in the G/E and G/I series; and one support job in the G/S series.

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25X1A9a 6. As a result of the recent reorganization in Cartography Division, the following personnel assignments have been made:

[REDACTED]

25X1A9a Chief/G met with [REDACTED] to discuss the formulation of a reply to the memorandum from the Director of Foreign Intelligence ACSI, on procurement of Soviet topographic maps. As a result of the meeting, a memorandum of reply has been fully coordinated with FI and has been prepared for transmittal to AD/CR. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] of the Photo Intelligence Division attended a meeting of the Graphics Research Coordinating Committee on 2 November. It was disclosed that, since the last meeting of the Committee, the Photo Records and Services Division, ACIC, has been given a substantial new appropriation to continue SIS plotting. The first of the World Photo Coverage Indexing books, in a new format, is scheduled for distribution in December.

9. Ambassador Daniels, acting on the offer of the DCI to provide any needed assistance, has requested GG/X to prepare a summary of all national Antarctic programs and activities and an analysis of their relationship to the IGY program.

10. The Soviet Mapping Intelligence Staff of the Geography Division discussed the Soviet-US exchange of scientists to Arctic IGY stations with various agencies during the month. 25X1A9a

25X1A6a 11. Messrs. [REDACTED] of the Photo Intelligence Division where they participated in a series of briefings. [REDACTED] chaired the regular meeting of the JCS Working Party on Ground Intelligence Photography. 25X1A9a

12. The Chief of the Coordination Staff, Geography Division, attended a conference called for consideration of an outline guide and schedule for the Chapter I Annuals. The Annuals as planned will replace the OCI Handbooks and will keep all published NIS Chapters I up to date on a yearly basis. The magnitude of such a program and the additional workload were discussed at length. Since no agreement was reached by the group, it was decided that the proposed outline and schedule would be referred by the members to their respective agencies for comment. A follow-up conference was scheduled for 11 December.

13. The War Planning Division of DD/P briefed Chief/G and representatives of Geography and Cartography Divisions on war plans. Chief, Current Support Staff, briefed Chief/G and Geography Division representatives on the workings of his office and relationships between GRA and CSS.

14. In addition to the two briefings reported in the preceding paragraph, Geography Division participated in the following briefings and debriefings of particular interest during the month: (a) The Far East Branch briefed DAD/RR in preparation for his trip to the Far East; (b) The USSR Branch discussed with [redacted] his tour of Soviet geographic centers; (c) [redacted] attended the debriefing of [redacted]

[redacted], who toured the Soviet Union in June and July 1957; and (d) Ambassador Daniels, Special Assistant on Antarctica, Department of State, was briefed by GG/X on Soviet activities, intentions and plans in Antarctica as they relate to the formulation of US plans.

15. [redacted] spent two days at [redacted] reviewing the activities and operational procedures of the company. In addition, they visited the [redacted] to review the activities of [redacted]

16. A meeting of the NIS Chapter IX Subcommittee members and selected additional representatives, including USSR specialists, was held on 15 November to discuss problems relating to the preparation of three parts of the Chapter IX for NIS 26M. The boundary between Part II, European USSR, and Part II, Asiatic USSR, was agreed upon, and guide lines for the preparation of Part I were discussed. Another planning meeting for NIS 26M will be held in mid-January.

17. [redacted] of the Photo Intelligence Division visited the [redacted] to inspect progress of an instrument being developed under contract for the Division. [redacted] of D/GP met with [redacted] to discuss special lens and camera requirements. [redacted] visited [redacted], and -- accompanied [redacted] -- visited various companies and military installations in California in support of DD/P projects.

18. Chief/G presented [redacted] of the Geography Division with a cash award for an employee suggestion made by him.

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION CONTROL SECTION

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FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1957

Countable intelligence materials received, processed and sent to components of the Geographic Area.						RETENTION	FILE-ROUTING	
						7710	304	
Countable intelligence materials, processed and sent on to other components of the agency							643	
Reproduction requisitions initiated and completed jobs received						INITIATED	RECEIVED	
						152	240	
Purchase orders initiated and received						10	10	
LOANS: Inter-Agency						50	35	
LOANS: Other Government Agencies						29	30	
MAPS: Received thru D/OG (New, Reruns, Revisions)						TITLES	SHEETS	
						134	43,672	
MAPS: Sent, Primary and Initial Distribution						103	1,548	
25X1X7						PACKAGES	LETTERS	OTHERS
						115	73	52
						PACKAGES FOREIGN	ITEMS CIA	ITEMS US AGENCIES
						148	84	3,021
REGISTRY								
	REQUEST	SENT DOMESTIC	SENT FOREIGN	REC'D COMMER.	RETURNED LOANS	REC'D US GOV'T.	AUTOMATIC DISTR.	PACKAGES SENT
MAPS	1,275	19,809	180	221	69	26,351	2,635	1150
PUBS	120	499	1	0	0	1,218	514	